

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 141

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Dresden Middle School Boys' Basketball Team on their T-N-T State Tournament Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and commend our outstanding young athletic teams, those who work hard, play with exceptional proficiency, and are highly successful; and

WHEREAS, during the exciting and very memorable 2005 season, one boys' middle school basketball team stood out among several excellent squads as clearly the best, the Dresden Middle School Lions, who finished their season with a 25-1 won-loss record and captured the coveted T-N-T State Tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team beat their opponents, the Caywood Minutemen, 35-30 to take the school's first ever boys' basketball T-N-T title; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Head Coach Mike Riggs, and his fine Assistant Coach Kenneth Irvine, have carefully and expertly molded the team to be champions both on the court and off; and

WHEREAS, the Dresden Middle School boys' basketball team is comprised of talented individuals, including Eighth-Graders Chris Peeler, O'Brien Washington, Hunter Robinson, Justin Coleman, Matthew McCulley, Rick Herron, John Johnson, Zack Terry, and Tyler Gallimore; Seventh-Graders Jack Roberts, Dillion Matlock, Tyler Meeks, Josh Terry, and Alex Robinson; Sixth-Graders Kody Houston, Jacob Vallee, Will Vernon, Dale Hutcherson, and Daniel Harris; and

WHEREAS, Managers, Dustin Neeley and Randall Morris, along with Videographer, Joseph Sipes, have been diligent in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedication and hard work of all those associated with the Dresden Lions, this exceptional team earned the prestigious titles of Weakly County Champions and Milan/Medina Invitational Champions; and

WHEREAS, several of the talented Eighth-Graders on the Lions basketball team, soon to matriculate to high school, received additional accolades, including Justin Coleman, O'Brien Washington, Matthew McCulley, and Zack Terry, who were named to the All County Team; Justin Coleman, O'Brien Washington, and Matthew McCulley, who were members of the All State Tournament Team; Zack Terry and Chris Peeler who were named All State Tournament Honorable Mention; and Justin Coleman who was selected for inclusion on the Jackson Sun All West TN Team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this great basketball team, who are a tremendous credit to their school and community, be specially commemorated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Mike Riggs and the 2005 Dresden Middle School Boys' Basketball Team on winning the T-N-T State Tournament, the crowning achievement of an exemplary season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.